



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**Applicant** : HASHIMOTO, A. et al.  
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**Title** : COMPUTER SYSTEM, CONTROL APPARATUS,  
STORAGE SYSTEM AND COMPUTER DEVICE  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.